



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Jennifer HILLMAN et al.  
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
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Sir:

This communication responds to a non-final office action dated February 18, 2004, concerning the above-referenced patent application. The present deadline for response is June 18, 2004. Applicants have enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows:

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01 FC:1202 72.00 OP  
02 FC:1201 86.00 OP

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